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MEXICO.

Reports from Veracruz—Smallpox—Inspection of vessels.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Frick reports, April 26 and 30, as follows: Two cases of smallpox have been officially reported.

Week ended April 28, 1906:

April 25.—Inspected and passed the French steamship *Louisiane*, bound for New Orleans via Tampico, with 68 in the crew and 1 steerage passenger; vessel sails in general cargo April 26. Inspected and passed the British steamship *Floridian*, bound for New Orleans via Progreso, with 44 in the crew and 13 first-class passengers; vessel sails in general cargo. Inspected and passed the Spanish steamship *Manuel Calvo*, bound for New York via Habana, with 137 in the crew, 70 first-class and 75 steerage passengers; vessel sails in general cargo. Inspected and passed the British steamship *Cayo Gitano*, bound for Port Inglis, Fla., via Coatzacoalcas, with 30 in the crew; vessel sails in general cargo. Inspected and passed the American steamship *Vigilancia*, bound for New York via Progreso and Habana, with 81 in the crew and 53 first-class and 14 steerage passengers; vessel sails in general cargo.

April 27 inspected and passed the German steamship *Holsatia*, bound for a port in the United States via Mexican ports, with 34 in the crew; vessel sails in general cargo. Inspected and passed the Norwegian steamship *Navigator*, bound for Texas City via Laguna and Coatzacoalcas, with 18 in the crew; vessel sails in general cargo. Inspected and passed the Danish steamship *Polarstjernen*, bound for a port in the United States via Moro Castle signal station, Habana, with 25 in the crew. Sickness occurring on the *Polarstjernen* while here was noted on the bill of health. Bills of health were issued for the British steamship *Fashoda* and the American schooner *Fred. W. Ayer*. The *Fashoda* is to fumigate and sail to-morrow. The *Ayer* may sail to-morrow also, though probably not until Monday. A record of both vessels will appear in next weekly report.

NICARAGUA.

Report from Bluefields, fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Layton reports as follows: Week ended April 29, 1906. Present officially estimated population, 3,500; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
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Apr. 24	Osceola	Boston via Inagua, W. I.	29	0
26	Dictator	Mobile	21	0
29	Corinto	New Orleans	25	11

Steamship *Osceola* did not actually enter port. The agent requested bill of health, which was granted. I could not inspect vessel. Bill

of health was forwarded to master aboard ship, which sailed immediately. The vessel was not bound for a southern port in the United States.

PANAMA.

Report from Colon—Inspection of vessels.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Mohr reports, April 27, as follows:

Week ended April 26, 1906. Vessels cleared for ports in the United States and granted bills of health:

American steamship *Advance*, for New York, April 22, with 63 crew and 122 passengers.

German steamship *Venetia*, for New York, via Santa Marta, Colombia, April 22, with 78 crew and 8 passengers.

British steamship *Darien*, for New Orleans, via Kingston, Jamaica, April 23, with 46 crew and 37 cabin and 239 deck passengers; holds and living compartments fumigated.

German steamship *Bavaria*, for Ponce, April 23, with 75 crew and 21 passengers; via South American ports.

British steamship *Trent*, for New York, via Kingston, Jamaica, April 26, with 108 cabin and 155 deck passengers.

Norwegian steamship *Lorstakken*, for a port in the United States, via Sagua la Grande, Cuba, April 26, with 23 crew and no passengers; holds and living quarters fumigated.

American schooner *H. M. Atwood*, for Port Tampa, April 26, with 8 crew and no passengers; holds and living compartments fumigated.

Panaman steamship *Banes*, for Baltimore, April 26, with 17 crew and no passengers.

PARAGUAY.

Report from Asuncion—Plague officially declared present.

Consul Ruffin reports, March 28, as follows:

The Bacteriological Institute of Asuncion declared the existence of bubonic plague in this city yesterday. This was confirmed by the national department of hygiene. Last night 2 fresh cases were reported.

The weather has been exceptionally hot and dry, and nearly all the cisterns in the city have been without water.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Report from Manila—Plague and smallpox—Cholera in the provinces—Plague death on steamship China—Circular modifying quarantine—Inspection of vessels.

Chief Quarantine Officer Heiser reports, March 24, as follows:

Week ended March 17, 1906. Quarantinable diseases reported for the city of Manila as follows:

Smallpox, 2 cases, 2 deaths; plague, 1 case, 1 death.

During the same period cholera was reported from the provinces as follows: 116 cases, 101 deaths.

The great improvement in the cholera situation which was mentioned in the report for the week ended March 3, 1906, has continued